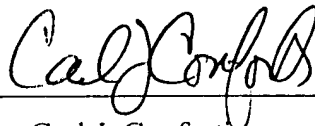


REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled the previously-pending claims 1-18 without prejudice and has provided new claims 19-38. No new matter is added by these claims. These claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Date: 4/20/04

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carl J. Conforti", written over a horizontal line.

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